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LOCAL NEWS.

The many friends of Prof. Keller were glad to see him here for Christmas and looking so well.

While here he superintended the building of a new picket fence in front of his sister's residence.

The 3rd Book Talk will take place next Thursday evening, January 3rd, at the Brunswick hotel annex.

Rev. Wiest on the Works of Sir Walter Scott.

All are invited, Admission 10 cts.

Monday and Christmas were perfect September days here. Dispatches tell that along the Atlantic coast as far south as Virginia on those days it was a blizzard, down to zero and lower and in N. Y. city much suffering and some froze to death.

Mr. & Mrs. Penney gave a party at the hotel Brunswick Thursday evening in honor of their visiting relatives. The annex was used for dancing, the private parlors as reception rooms and the dining room proved an inviting place to the 125 guests, all of whom spent a pleasant evening.

If the move of Mr. Dalton to give this city a new hall and the agitation of the subject did no other good it stirred up the G. A. R. folks, and they have put electric lights in their hall and on their stage, which is a great improvement needed for years and was much appreciated by the audiences at the show this week.

Christmas day was a perfectly beautiful one here and much enjoyed. The giving of presents seemed more general than ever and our merchants report a big trade. Fathers can well say: "Christmas comes but once a year, 'But when she comes you know she's here."

The stone masons, carpenters, painters and other mechanics, the hardware and other merchants, who might have had the chance to do or sell something, couldn't but be convinced (if they read the locals in last Saturday's News) that that paper was doing its utmost to prevent the building of the new Dalton public hall and gloried in preventing these people getting the work and adding \$4000 to the taxable property of the county, township, city and school district. Yet it runs around and wants these people subscriptions and adverbs, and demands a job to give it \$1200 of the peoples' tax money.

Remember that the 2 cts a mile Holiday Excursion rates on the fine Union Pacific Ry.

are in force until next Wednesday, Jan'y 2nd. Many are traveling now.

Driving Outfit for Sale. I offer for sale cheap, my driving team, harness, buggy, horse-blankets, lap-robe and foot-warmer. Come see for a bargain. FRED MILLER, Sheriff's office.

SONG SERVICE. at the Trinity Lutheran Church tomorrow, Sunday, at 7:30 p.m.

Voluntary, Opening service, page 71
Hymn 367.
Scripture, Col. 3: 12-17
Prayer, Response.
Anthem, The Harvest Time is passing by, W. L. Thompson
Duet, Christmas, Harry R. Shelley
Hymn 531.
Anthem, Hosanna in the Highest, Concone Lacey.
Solo, That Glorious Song of Old, Andrew J. Boex,
Hymn 184.
Anthem, "Te Deum Laudamus" H. P. Danks.
Anthem, "Praise Ye the Lord" W. L. Thompson.
Hymn 20.
Lord's Prayer, Benediction, Postlude.

Horses wanted, C. M. RAND, the Kansas City Horse buyer, will be in Hays City, at Harry Folton's barn, on

next Saturday, Jan. 5th

Bring in your Horses, Mares and Mules, all sizes that are in shape to market. I have already bought eight car-loads of Ellis county horses. I will pay the highest market price in Cash. One day only, JAN. 5th. Remember the date and bring them in.

Money! Money! I have plenty of money to loan on farm security at lowest rates. No delay, option to pay in installments. H. W. OSHANT.

J. H. Ward Makes Loans on REAL ESTATE Call at the Citizens State Bank Hays, Kansas.

C. W. Miller made a business trip to Topeka this week.

Will Farley came home to enjoy his Christmas vacation.

Mr. Harrison, who was quite sick, is up and around again.

Don't fail to read John Schlyer & Son's New Year's announcement.

Mrs. Scovel of Denver is here with her mother, Mrs. Decker.

Creamery butter now sells for 30 cts in this market.

Wm. Ryan store gave their customers a calendar this week.

Bring your OLD IRON to John SCHLYER & Son.

The father of Mrs. Judd Bell was here last Saturday helping her shop at our stores.

Mrs. Prof. Shively and baby spent the Christmas vacation with her parents at Lawrence.

Misses Virmond & Freese came home Friday night from their Gove county schools to enjoy their vacation.

John Troth, the Insurance solicitor, came home to spend Christmas with his family and friends.

Locky Scott and family of Kansas City are spending the holidays here with Geo. Philip and family.

James Philip and son of Dakota were here to take Christmas dinner with his brother George.

Thursday evening Mrs. George Philip entertained a few friends at a family dinner.

Miss Ada Turner of Waverly, Kansas, is here as the guest of the Misses Farley.

Mrs. Jacob Orth and children spent the Christmas holidays with her parents near Walker.

Most of our students and teachers will return to their school duties the first of the week, while the Normal students will be back here Wednesday.

Among the numerous presents that were received by Rev. Wiest and wife was a cute little Angora kitten which came by express from a friend.

Joseph Hubbell came in from down east to enjoy his Christmas in his cabin on his claim. Reports good luck in husking corn this fall.

The "Free-Press" returns thanks to its subscribers who have helped make our Christmas a pleasant one and we wish all a Happy New Year.

Mrs. Freda Schwallier Trinkle and baby are here visiting her parents. The son of Otto Schwallier of Kansas City came with her.

Like the railroad boys, the mail carriers for Uncle Sam know no vacation and Feitz and Tourtellott had to carry the mail Christmas as usual.

The low railroad rates are causing lots of people to travel this week. It equals a straight 2 cent a mile rate, what the people have been demanding.

It was the grandest Christmas of her life for Mother Magrane on Wednesday to have all her children from far and near to take dinner with her.

Farmer Jim Grippen made his wife a Christmas present of one of those fine Cream Separators, sold by Runyon, to lighten her farm work in the future.

The young men who have returned home for the holidays from the eastern schools show a decided improvement since their association with the young men from all over the state.

The Misses Dickerson of Finney Co., our Normal students who are teaching west of here, are spending their Christmas vacation with the Misses Pierce in our city.

The little yellow Continental Creamery checks came in handy and agreeable last Saturday for Christmas buying to their patrons here. Paying many ahead of time.

It was a cruel Christmas day that Uncle Sam made Grand-pa Feitz drive the mail to Pfeiffer and back, while so many were enjoying turkey dinner and a cozy time around the fire-side.

Down at Good Hope School house, in south part of the county, they have a Box Social next Friday eve, Jan. 4th, with the new way of paying and drawing by numbers, instead of bidding.

All are cordially invited to attend. Carpenter Dode Barnes came up from Salina (where he is working) to spend Christmas with his family.

He hoped to get work with other carpenters, on the new public hall, but he found it had been killed off and our city a dead one for mechanics and so went back to Salina, which is booming.

Harness and harness leather I offer for sale at my farm 6 miles east of Hays and 6 miles west of Herzog, Harness and Harness leather at low prices. Come see me. STANLAUS BROWN.

Dogs and Pigs. I offer for sale 2 Duroc Jersey male hogs. Can be registered if desired. Also some fine Scotch Cooles Pups. Perfect beauties. See or address WM. HOLLENBECK, Hays.

Farmer James Burke has gone to Ohio on a business trip.

Judge Reeder held an adjourned term of Court here this week.

Miss Mary Haffmiller came home to spend Christmas with her parents.

Last Saturday was a beautiful day and our town was crowded with farmers and their families shopping.

John McGuire, the regular army officer, got a furlough and came home for Christmas.

James Carter and wife visited Ellis on Christmas and took dinner with her parents.

Mother Stehley came up from Ellis to eat Christmas dinner with her daughter.

Henry Schultz again sold out all his stock of Edison phonographs for Christmas presents.

Mr. Wood of Plainville, enjoyed his Christmas dinner and California honey, here with his daughter, Mrs. Addison.

Charlie, brother of sheriff Miller, is home on his vacation, and still enjoying his school work at Salina.

Houses for Rent. Two 5 room Cottages for Rent. Inquire at This Office.

His young friends around town sent Fred Illiff some pretty flowers to decorate his room for the holidays.

The host of friends of Miss Grace Goodall were pleased to see her here during the holidays.

W. R. Stubbs is out in a card announcing himself as in the race for U. S. Senator in this state.

In your Christmas rejoicing and presents did you remember your animals and give them an extra feed?

For Rent. A nice house in good condition, situated close in, convenient to all parts of town. Call on E. F. Madden.

The friends of Mr. Bartholomew were glad to see him out carriage riding last Saturday.

Being vacation, the kids had a great time helping the theatre men this week so as to get on the front row.

Young Tourtellott and wife came in from the west Wednesday morning to enjoy Christmas with his folks.

The FREE PRESS office is headquarters for the latest styles in Engraved Cards. 100 for \$1.25, including plate.

On Thursday our town was full of farmers with horses to sell and Mr. Rand bought many, leaving thousands of dollars here.

Our Catholic church people had lots of services Christmas day, beginning at 5 in the morning. They were well attended and interesting.

Farm Loans. We want to make some good Farm Loans. Money at once when papers are drawn. — ED. F. MADDEN.

George Griffith, Jr., accompanied his mother home from Kansas City to enjoy his Christmas. A young friend, Mr. Brown, came along to see our city and the reservation.

Street Cox is home from his schooling at the State Agricultural college and will now help in the elevator while his brother George enjoys 3 months course of special study at the school.

Lots of the horses brought to town Thursday didn't come up to the standard and had to be taken back home. But it pays to raise good horses, Rand paying 125 to \$175 for some.

Old Building Wanted. I want to buy an old house or barn, that I can move on my lot. See or send particulars to J. F. JORDAN. Furniture store, opposite P.O.

Itch cured in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Never fails. Sold by J. C. FARLEY, Druggist.

Theatre to night, Matinee Saturday at 2:30. Close the week Saturday night.

The Noble Theatrical company have been giving some excellent performances here this week and pleasing large audiences. This, Friday, night they play that thrilling one, Nan's Fortune.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 they give a Matinee for the children and to accommodate the country folks, and then close their week's engagement here on Saturday with the laughable play of "Reuben Glue". Next week they are to play in Ellis.

Photographs. FOR A SHORT TIME ONLY, I will make a special offering in the Mantello Panel Oval, same style as we have always made for \$4 to \$5, for only \$3.25 per dozen. All work guaranteed. R. H. FARRATT, at Wood's Photo-Gallery.

LAND For Sale—Southwest quarter of Sec. 18, Twp. 14, Range 16. All fenced and cross fenced, with stone posts and three wires. Plenty of good water and well improved. For further particulars see HENRY TROLEN, Victoria, Kas.

Miss Henrietta Oshant is enjoying her vacation at home.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul spent their Christmas with relatives at Salina.

Our old timer, Ed Glennon, accompanied by his daughter, visited here this week.

Mr. Cave has been kept busy this week moving to his new location opposite the Windsor hotel.

Mrs. Haffmiller had the pleasure this year of having her whole family home for Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Rea entertained a number of their friends at their lovely home on Christmas evening.

Will Solomon and family from way up in Hamilton township were among the farmers shopping here last week.

Farmer Henry Eickbush brought in some splendid turkeys for his friends and customers for Christmas.

Judge Reeder lost a bunch of keys this week and hopes some one may find and return them.

Mart Stehley, wife and baby came up from Ellis to eat dinner with the Haffmiller family.

Mrs. Charlie Kirkman and family on Wednesday went to Russell to visit with her folks.

Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Dickinson enjoyed their Christmas with friends in Russell this year.

If you want to hear something grand in church music be sure and attend the Lutheran church Sunday eve.

Professor Matthew enjoyed the exercises of the State Teachers' meeting at Topeka this week.

The Methodists had an enjoyable time Monday evening at the Christmas church celebration.

The party to whom I loaned my Ice SAW please return it now and you can borrow it again. R. B. THOMAS.

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Finch came in from the Salina to enjoy Christmas in town. Better sell out out there and locate in our town and enjoy your old days.

Prof. Picken, wife & daughter, Miss Foster, Prof's Matthew & Bird went to Topeka Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association.

Coal got so scarce last week at La Crosse that Mayor Baker confiscated a car of coal passing through and divided it among the people, the City paying the extra on the bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Wann entertained some friends at a Christmas dinner at the Brunswick.

Prof. & Mrs. Picken also had a party of their friends there to dinner.

The Noble Dramatic Company have been playing here all the week to good audiences, and a different play every night. Being excellent actors those who have attended were much pleased. They play this Friday evening and close their work here Saturday evening.

COAL and LUMBER. We have 5 cars of Western and Eastern Coal and the best of Lumber at Prices right, at WM. SHRECKLER'S, Yards at Walker, Kansas.

English Spavin Liniment removes all Hard, Soft or Caloused Lumps and Blemishes from horses, Blood Spavins, Curbs, Splints, Sweeney, Ring Bone, Stiffes, Sprains, all Swollen Throats, Coughs, etc. Save \$50 by use of one bottle. — Warranted the most wonderful Blemish cure ever known. Sold by J. C. FARLEY, Druggist.

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Because they are selected, handled and prepared with the idea of a pleasant business for years to come and not with the idea of merely keeping within the limits of Pure Food Laws.

SAVE THE COUPONS. And in addition to the pleasure of using Pure, Wholesome and Delicious Food Products you can furnish your home free. Send Six Coupons for Catalog.

When in Salina call and see Violets and Carnations—thousands of them—at Tatro Greenhouses 401 E. Iron St. - Salina, Kas.

Let us know when you want flowers. We will do our best for you. Edward Tatro. GREENHOUSE PHONE 205, - RES. 424.

Mrs. Kidwell went out to Quinter to enjoy Christmas with her daughter.

Who borrowed R. B. Thomas' ICE SAW? He would like it returned.

Prof. Light and wife spent their vacation with relatives near Manhattan.

Elder See held Quarterly meeting at our Methodist church last Sunday.

We pay CASH for OLD IRON. John SCHLYER & Son.

George Spencer and family enjoyed their Christmas with western relatives.

Attorney Able of Salina was doing professional business here Wednesday.

The Grainfield ADVOCATE sends out a beautiful colored pictorial cover for Christmas.

Frank Gehrre and wife came over from Holsington to enjoy Christmas with Mrs. Dr. Kohl and family.

George Loredistich came home to enjoy Christmas with his parents and at the dinner the whole family were again united.

For a Merry Christmas Mr. & Mrs. Beatty secured a clear warranty deed for their cozy cottage home on east Juniata street.

Probate Judge Arnold, accompanied by the sheriff and Mrs. Middlekauff and Snyder visited Victoria on Wednesday and decided that Dr. Piatt should go to the State Hospital for medical treatment.

The racket over the soldier disturbance in Texas and their dismissal by the President is causing Topeka and other eastern papers to publish long accounts of the old time negro troop rackets at Hays and Ft. Hays.

Next Monday closes another year. Do you notice any improvements in our city or around your home? Has it been a prosperous, happy year to you? Let us try the coming year to make everybody happy and prosperous, And the FREE PRESS wishes you all a very Happy New Year.

THE NOBLE CO. The Noble Dramatic Co. has been holding forth at the Opera House this week playing to full houses each evening, despite the many social attractions which came off with the holidays.

We can say nothing but words of praise for Mr. Noble's present company, which we consider one of the strongest repertoire companies to visit Hays in years. Their performance of "Fanchion, the Cricket" Thursday eve deserves special mentioning for the artistic manner in which it was presented.

Vina Noble in the title role exhibited wonderful talent as a versatile little actress. This Friday night she will appear in the title role of Nan's Fortune, another delightful soubrette play, with numerous specialties introduced by various members of the company.

Turkeys and Chickens. I have for sale some very fine Mammoth Brown Turkeys and White Wyandotte Chickens. — C. B. KREUGER, up-tf.

SWIFT & CO. of Hutchinson, Kansas.

want your cream. Highest Market Price Paid. Your money comes quick and you get an honest test.

Deliver to—Kreuger Bldg. H. A. Cowan.

Notice. As we are going to dissolve partnership we are therefore compelled to ask all our creditors knowing themselves indebted to us to please call and settle up their accounts at once.

Yours truly HENRY WOLF & SON.

Household goods, Phaeton and Harness. I offer for sale very cheap some of my household goods, a phaeton and set of good single harness.

N. A. VOSS, Hays.

Fat Cattle and Hogs. I am again ready to buy fat cattle and Hogs and pay the highest price.

If you have any to sell send me the word or call. James Carter. at former Carrick Butcher shop.

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Western Kan. State Normal School comes to the front.

A telegram comes Friday that at Topeka Prof. W. S. Picken, Principal of the Western Kansas State Normal School on Ft. Hays, has been elected as President of the State Teachers' Association.

This, with Prof. Matthew as President of the Golden Belt Teachers Association, can well make our city and the students feel elated.

The carpenters, stone masons and painters who were hoping to get some work on the new public hall this winter, while work is so scarce, have discovered who are preventing them and are using some pretty strong language now-a-days.

Some folks talk of the \$40,000 asked by the Western Kansas State Normal School on Ft. Hays, for new buildings to accommodate the increasing attendance (the only state institution in the northwest quarter of the state) yet the State University at Lawrence is asking \$150,000 for a new Engineering School building and \$50,000 for a new mining and geology building, besides its other appropriations asked for.

DR. JORDAN, RESIDENT DENTIST. Office over Citizens' bank Hays Phone 34.

The Public schools and our Normal school begin work again Wednesday after a delightful 10 days vacation.

The Goodland paper announces the opening of their new Opera house last week with a home talent minstrel show that packed the house from pit to gallery and a rousing success and a cozy, convenient hall. That city now has two good halls and gets all those good shows that go over the Rock Island railroad between Topeka and Denver. Good for them.

The Saturday Afternoon Club. The Saturday Afternoon Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hall, January 5th, 1907. Program:—

MACBETH. Collect. Roll Call, Quotation from Macbeth, Secretary's report. Reading of Act V, Scenes 5, 6, 7, 8. Coming Thro' the Rye, Mrs. J. Reeder.

The OAKLEY GRAPHIC came out last week with a special Christmas number of 20 pages, containing a full page colored Santa Claus page, a large, well printed picture of the town of Oakley, pictures of their public buildings and men, business houses and their proprietors, and a history of the town. The edition also contained eighteen half-page advertisements, seven one-fourth page adverbs and numerous small ones. Oakley has reason to be proud of her enterprising editor, J. R. Young.

John Schlyer & Sons,

Dealers in FARM MACHINERY, Corn Grinders, Corn Shellers, Wagons, Buggies, and Harness. Barb Wire, Stone Posts, Rabbit and Poultry Fence, Hard and Soft building Rock.

A full line of Farm Machinery and a full line of Repairs for every Machine we sell.

We Pay Cash for OLD IRON.

Tree Bargains

All nurseries have made an advance in the price of cherry trees and are selling them at a price ranging from 50c to \$1. each. I have bought a block of 1000 Cherry Trees, and while they last will sell them at the following prices:—

5 to 6 feet, 3 yrs., well branched - - - per 1 per 10
4 to 5 feet, 2 yrs., well branched - - - .35 3.00

You may select from the following varieties: Dyehouse, Early Richmond, Large Montmerency, English Morello, Ostheim, Black Tartarian, and Gen. Wood.

I will give you your choice of the following ornamental trees: Ash, Soft Maple, Box Elder, Catalpa, Elm, Sycamore, Hackberry or Carolina Poplar, at the prices below:—

4 to 5 feet - - - \$.15 \$1.20
5 to 6 feet - - - .20 1.50
6 to 8 feet - - - .30 3.00

Other agents will charge you double these prices. The above are only a few of the bargains I can offer you. Let me know your wants and I will give you prices.

GEO. P. GRIFFITH, Hays City, Kans.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SEE Joseph Runyon about.....

A New BUGGY, The celebrated McFarland Buggies.

Another Farm Wagon, The Winona and Grand Detour Wagons.

New Set of HARNESS, The best Harness made. Large variety.

A New DRILL. Drills of a dozen kinds and sizes.

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